

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric
Company (U 902-E) for an Order Implementing
Assembly Bill 265.

Application 00-10-045
(Filed October 24, 2000)

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric
Company (U 902-E) for Authority to Implement
an Electric Rate Surcharge to Manage the Balance
in the Energy Rate Ceiling Revenue Shortfall
Account.

Application 01-01-044
(Filed January 24, 2001)

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REGARDING EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

The Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge Wong was item H-11 on the Commission's November 7, 2002 agenda. That agenda item was held until the Commission meeting of December 5, 2002. The Proposed Decision was on the Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting of November 6, 2002, and subject to the prohibition on ex parte communications.

Rule 7(c)(4)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure provides that if "a proposed decision is held at the Business Meeting, when the hold is announced, the Commission will also announce whether and when there will be a further prohibition on communications, consistent with the provisions of subparagraph (i)."

In accordance with Rule 7(c)(4), this ruling announces that the prohibition against ex parte communications is now lifted. Should another Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting be scheduled to discuss the Proposed Decision, the prohibition on ex parte communications will apply again.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the prohibition against ex parte communications regarding the Proposed Decision in this proceeding is lifted, but may be instituted again if another Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting is scheduled to discuss the Proposed Decision.

Dated November 13, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CAROL A. BROWN

Carol A. Brown, Interim Chief
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Chief Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Ex Parte Communications on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 13, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

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